

*Winner Methodist
Church*

THE VISION

FEBRUARY

2026



Leadership Council

The Leadership Council convened on January 18, 2026. Members present included Pastor Tony Coffman, Donna Duffy, Diane Durrin, Liz Farley, Vanessa Goodell, Dan Patmore, Mick Rowe, Lori Schaeffer, Bobbi Viedt, Randy Vanden Hoek, Clint Woods, and Judy Mills. Additionally, Emily Tideman and Addison Sharp attended the meeting.

The meeting was called to order and began with an opening prayer led by Mick Rowe.

Lori Schaeffer made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, which was seconded by Liz Farley. The motion was approved unanimously. Bobbi Viedt then moved to approve the treasurer's report, with Diane Durrin seconding. This motion was also approved.

Pastor Tony Coffman provided an update on recent activities, noting that there are additional activities beyond those listed in his report.

GPS is progressing well. Vanessa Goodell reported that no risers have been ordered at this time. Diane Durrin stated that confirmation is proceeding as planned. There will not be VBS or confirmation on Ash Wednesday; instead, the MYF group will present the Ash Wednesday service.

Liz Farley shared that the Outreach Committee held a soup supper on January 11, which was attended by 44 people. The Cares Committee is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, January 20.

Randy Vanden Hoek is now serving as the leader of the SPR Committee. The Worship Committee did not meet this month, but Bobbi Viedt had a discussion with Pastor Tony Coffman regarding plans for Easter services.

The Finance Committee reviewed the financials for the year ending in 2025. The Edward Jones account experienced an 11% gain over the year. The committee discussed transferring funds from Bank West accounts to options with higher interest yields. Randy Vanden Hoek made a motion, seconded by Dan Patmore, to move money from the Capital Invest, Memorial Fund, MYF account, and Parking Lot Fund to Edward Jones. The motion was approved.

There were no funerals in December. The Trustees' Committee reported on the installation of televisions and new windows in the choir room. The Audio-Visual (AV) Committee has been operating smoothly.

Pastor Tony inquired about a response from Trevor's Tech regarding the security system project, noting that no correspondence has occurred in over six months. He asked the Trustees to consider hiring an alternative contractor to complete the project. DeSmets CPA Group has requested that all bills be routed through the church office.

The meeting concluded at 10:47 AM with a closing prayer led by Pastor Tony Coffman.

The next Leadership Council meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Mills, Recording Secretary

Pastor's Corner

February 2026

Pulled from the Headlines

At first, I was sad. Then I got angry. I'm not talking about just sort-of upset, I mean, I was teeth-grinding angry. Then..., Jesus.

What am I talking about? When I got home from church on Sunday, January 18th, I saw in the news that a mob (there's no other way of saying it) swarmed a Bible-believing Baptist church in St. Paul, MN, and disrupted their service, because they believed the pastor of that church also worked for I.C.E. In the video clips saw the fear in the eyes of some of the children and the church people. I was sad that people have lost all sense of civility and decency to the degree that, over national policy and politics, people would take a church service hostage.

Then I learned even more. A national news figure, an ex-CNN anchor, was involved in the planning of this event, church members made several calls to 9-1-1 and St. Paul law enforcement leaders refused to allow their city police to go and intercede, and the state's Attorney General not only endorsed the behavior but called for more events like these. Then I moved swiftly from sad to mad. Very.

As a pastor, I was asking myself how I would have responded if that was my church, our church. I wasn't finding an answer, but my anger was growing. And then the Holy Spirit stepped into my thoughts and fixed me.

He brought to the front of my mind his words in Matthew's gospel from the Sermon on the Mount. *"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven,"* and, *"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."* (5:10-12).

Then he reminded me of Jesus's saying this. *"Remember the word that I said to you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you."* (John 15:20)

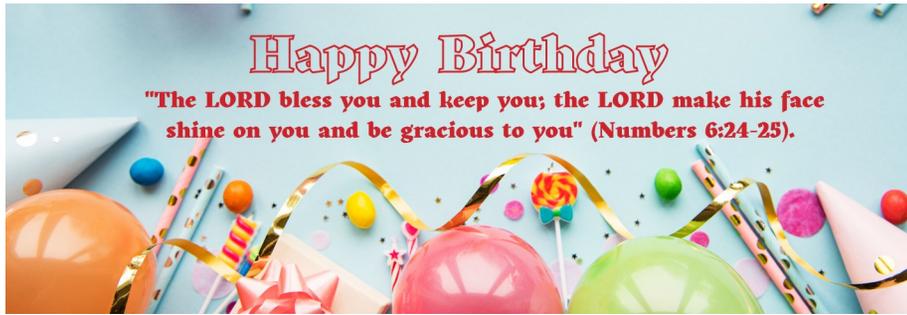
And again, this. *"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven."* (Matthew 5:43-45).

I was humbled, and I was grateful. The Spirit of God loved me so much to break through what I thought was my "righteous" anger and remind me of his Word.

As Christians, we are aliens in a foreign land. This is not our home. We need to remember that. This wasn't an anti I.C.E. event or a political event; this was another step in the spiritual war that rages all around us. Our weapons against this kind of act are prayer and faith. JUST prayer and faith.

Thank you, Jesus, for sending us your Holy Spirit to walk worthy of you as we are waiting to come to our true home with you in heaven. Thank you that he reminds us of your words and that we are to first and foremost love our enemies because you also first loved us.

Blessings,
Pastor Tony



Tony Berg	Feb. 1
Dianne Fisher	Feb. 6
Chord Blotsky	Feb. 6
Colton Smith	Feb. 7
Derald Bachmann	Feb. 11
Jamie Halverson	Feb. 12
Tia DeSersa	Feb. 12
Jamie Halverson	Feb. 12
Adam Curtis	Feb. 13
Maggie DeMers	Feb. 13
Sara Swedlund	Feb. 13
Bianca DeMers	Feb. 15
Tiffany Goodell	Feb. 15
Beverly Axtell	Feb. 17
Alvin Keszler	Feb. 19
Carol Phillips	Feb. 19
Porter Nelson	Feb. 20
Haynes Smith	Feb. 22
Paul Schueth	Feb. 23
Brad Kahler	Feb. 24
Marshall Springer	Feb. 24

Donna Shippy	Feb. 26
Loralai Smith	Feb. 26
Evan Taggart	Feb. 27
Ryal Kartak	Feb. 27
Deja Kucera	Feb. 28



Jody & Sally Brozik	Feb. 11
Corey & Mandy Audiss	Feb. 17

February 2026

Sun

Mon

Tue

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Thu

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Sat

BIBLE READING PLAN

1 Leviticus 7-9	2 Leviticus 10-12	3 Leviticus 13-15	4 Leviticus 16-18	5 Leviticus 19-21	6 Leviticus 22-24	7 Leviticus 25-27
8 Numbers 1-3	9 Numbers 4-6	10 Numbers 7-9	11 Numbers 10-12	12 Numbers 13-15	13 Numbers 16-18	14 Numbers 19-21
15 Numbers 22-24	16 Numbers 25-27	17 Numbers 28-30	18 Numbers 31-33	19 Numbers 34-36	20 Deuteronomy 1-3	21 Deuteronomy 4-6
22 Deuteronomy 7-9	23 Deuteronomy 10-12	24 Deuteronomy 13-15	25 Deuteronomy 16-18	26 Deuteronomy 19-21	27 Deuteronomy 22-24	28 Deuteronomy 25-27

FEBRUARY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>9:00 AM Worship Service Communion 10:30 AM Daniel Study</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 2:00 PM Women's Bible Study 6:15 PM AV Ministry 7:00 PM Trustees Ministry</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:00 PM GPS, MYF, Confirmation 7:15 PM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:30 PM Missions Ministry</p>	<p>6</p> <p>2:00 PM Cares Ministry</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9:00 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Daniel Study 4:30 PM Dream Team</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 2:00 PM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>11</p> <p>5:30 PM Worship Ministry 6:00 PM GPS, MYF, Confirmation 7:15 PM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9:00 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Leadership 5:30 PM Valentine Meal</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 2:00 PM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:00 PM ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
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WHY ASHES

ASHES ARE A PUBLIC SIGN
OF OUR INTENT TO

**DIE TO OUR
WORLDLY DESIRES
AND
LIVE IN CHRIST**

AS OUR FOREHEADS ARE
MARKED WITH ASHES,
THESE WORDS ARE SAID:

“REMEMBER, THAT
YOU ARE DUST,
AND
**UNTO DUST YOU
SHALL RETURN.**”



**WHERE DO
THE ASHES
COME FROM?**

THE ASHES ARE
MADE FROM THE
BLESSED PALMS USED
IN THE PALM SUNDAY
CELEBRATION OF THE
PREVIOUS YEAR



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Lent IS A TIME TO
GROW
CLOSER TO JESUS

**BLUE BUCKET—WINNER SCHOOL FFA
FOOD PANTRY—NO REQUEST**

WINNER METHODIST CHURCH

Service Time 9:00 AM

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